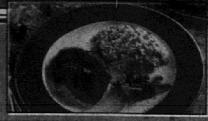


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Flooding bill meets doubters

Proposed legislation to pay for a three-county initiative to control flooding won't be approved by the Legislature, state Rep. Tom Stephens warned Friday.

"It's not going to pass the way it's drafted," Stephens, R-Troy, said at a meeting of the Metro East Regional Storm Water Management Advisory group of elected officials that is overseeing the effort. "An awful lot of people do not like creating an authority that's going to take money from them to benefit people in areas that are flooded and have districts that ought to take care of the problem," he said.

Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties have teamed up to find solutions to flooding caused by storm water runoff. The project is expected to involve uniform regulations on new development and legislation that would allow regulation of storm water in the three areas in collection of user fees to help finance flood control measures.

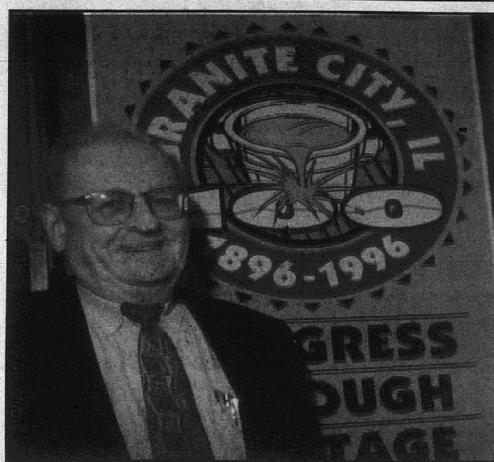
A Metro East Watershed Planning Team began preparing the planning about two years ago.

Agencies cooperating in the planning are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Office of Water Resources and the federal Natural Resources Conservation Service.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, and state Rep. Tom Stephens, of Belleville, have agreed to sponsor legislation calling for a base service charge of no more than 5 cents per \$100 assessed value for development and administration of a storm water management plan. All property taxpayers in the three counties would be affected.

The bill would also affect

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City Attorney Leo Konzen will be the master of ceremonies for the Granite City Centennial kick-off banquet, "A Toast to Granite City," on March 9.

It's a celebration

Centennial to kick off with banquet

By Bob Slatte
Staff writer

A lot can happen in 100 years.

And Granite City is celebrating its centennial year with a variety of events sure to please every participant.

On March 9, the actual 100th birthday of the city, things will kick off with a star-studded banquet at St. Gregory's Armenian Hall.

Leo Konzen, prominent local attorney and current city attorney, will be the master of ceremonies for the \$60-a-plate dinner catered by Charlie Hester.

The theme of the evening is "A

Toast to Granite City." And the city will have an opportunity to recognize some of its most prominent citizens at the banquet.

Among the prominent natives invited by Mayor Ron Selsph are George Becker, president of the International United Steelworkers Union; former state legislators Terrell Anthony, Winnie Freedman and Mike Genovese; Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Robert Olen Butler; past and present professors from the University of Illinois; Kevin Greene; former pro basketball player Andy Phillip; former Major League baseball player and

(See EVENT, Page 6A)

Lucas back on ballot

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

He'll be back. "Rink" Lucas will be on the March 19 Democratic primary ballot for Madison County recorder of deeds.

In a decision issued Monday, Madison County Associate Judge Lola Maddox upheld an appeal filed by Lucas on Jan. 22 and heard on Friday.

Madison allowed 20 signatures that had earlier been struck from his nominating petitions. Lucas now has 264 signatures on his petitions, nine more than the required minimum of 255 needed to run in a primary election.

A page containing 30 signatures collected by Aaron Wanagat was struck off on Jan. 11 by the Madison County Officers Elector at a poll because Wanagat was not registered to vote from his current address.

The ruling was the result of a challenge to Lucas' petitions by lawyer Tom Lakin, a member of the executive committee of the

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(Photo by SHIRLEY VALENCIA)

Honor — Stanley Valencia, left, hands a plaque named in his honor to Brad Harris, president of the Granite City Warriors hockey club, at the hockey fund raiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The plaque will be awarded to an outstanding player by the team's coaches and players at the end of each season. More photos on Page 2A.

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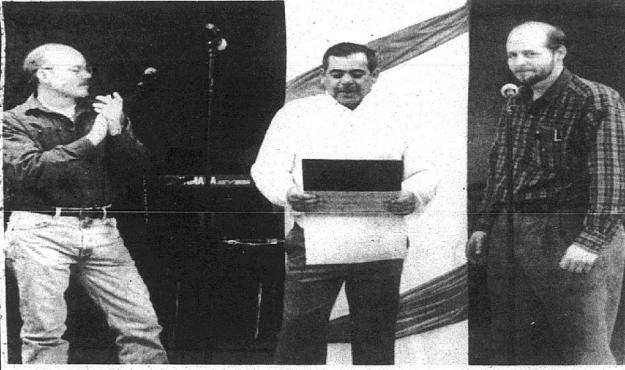
Police salaries vary widely by department



Benefit — Above, Granite City Park District Director Dave Polivick, right, presents the coaches of the Warriors' hockey teams with what he called a "long overdue" award for bringing pride to the city with their skill, courage, endurance and sportsmanship. The coaches are, from left, Dave Young and Gary Brown, junior varsity; and Will Connolly and Dave Yourkovich, varsity. At right, Tanna Loftus, left, and Bernnie Pritchard auction off a hockey stick signed by the St. Louis Blues. Brian Patterson purchased the souvenir. Below, Mark Loftus, left, and Brad Harris, right, applaud Stanley Valencia as he dedicates the "Stanley Valencia Good-Sportsmanship Award," which will be given to a player chosen by the team's players and coaches at the hockey banquet at the end of the year. Candidates must show respect for their coaches and teammates, be dedicated to the sport and demonstrate all-around good sportsmanship.



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Countywide statistics indicate some area residents get a lot of bang for their police protection buck while some area police officers collect a lot of bucks for their bang. The sum of all police salaries, patrols and fellow crime statistics suggests crime fighters in some smaller communities may have the edge in salaries and workloads.

Edwardsville, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Collinsville are among the highest paid police departments in the county, while two of the largest, Alton and the Madison County Sheriff's Department, fall below the average base pay at several ranks. Granite City is one of the largest departments and its officers are among the best paid in the county.

Some of the departments on the high end of the pay scale rank low in numbers of 1995 felony charges filed. Not Granite City. Granite City filed 362 felony charges last year, 14.5 percent of the total filed in the county and second only to the Alton police department.

Edwardsville posted 284 filings last year, 11.25 percent of the county's felony cases.

Edwardsville and SIUE filed only 60 and 36 felony cases, 2.36 percent and 1.44 percent of felony cases in the county, respectively.

On the other end of the scale, the Alton police filed 72 felony charges last year, 3.6 percent of the county's felony caseload, and the Sheriff's Department filed 233, 9.33 percent of the county total.

Officials at some of the departments on the lower end of the scale are able to pay to high turnover, but Edwardsville Director of Police Bennett Dickmann, whose 25-officer

department is at the high end, said turnover is not a problem there.

Base pay for Edwardsville patrol officers is \$32,494.

"I don't know that we're that above average on the salaries," he said. "Our turnover is not bad. One of the things that keeps our officers in place is the pension system." The current pension plan is 401(k).

"In one respect, that can hurt an officer's career, but, on the other hand, it helps create the community pride you need on a force. We always encourage officers to stay." Granite City pays for a first year patrolman, not including benefits such as insurance, uniform allowance or college tuition reimbursement, is \$34,045.

Chief Dave Ruebhausen said there is little turnover among officers hired in Granite City. The department currently has 53 sworn officers.

Dickmann said salaries are usually based on a community's general fund.

"Edwardsville's general fund is not as strong as one might think," he said. "The city's two

biggest businesses are the schools and the government."

Base pay for patrol officers in Madison County departments, not including benefits like insurance, ranges from \$27,123 to \$35,859, according to a survey of 10 departments.

Collinsville offers the highest pay at the patrol level, while East Alton falls at the bottom of the scale. Alton pays \$29,671, and the Sheriff's Department, \$29,494.

SIUE Police Chief Charles McDonald is the highest paid department head, with an annual salary of more than \$62,000. Dickmann and Ruebhausen are the only two police officers in second place with salaries of about \$35,000. Ruebhausen made \$49,806 in 1995.

Churchill is responsible for 72 sworn officers in addition to 40 jailers.

McCormick could not be reached for comment. The Glen Carbon Police Department, with a base patrol officer salary of \$28,238, has been hit with six resignations as many years, but Chief Robert Rizzi said the village's salaries and benefits are comparable to other communities.

"We had one officer leave for a government job. He was so intent on working for the government he would even take a pay cut. It just depends," Rizzi said.

Ruebhausen said Glen Carbon offers its officers attractive benefits, including family insurance coverage, uniform allowance and a dry cleaning tab. The department also reimburses 95 percent of tuition costs if officers enroll in college degree programs.

"I guess there are advantages and disadvantages," Rizzi said. "Some of the young officers are not too concerned about benefits when they're young. They concentrate on the paycheck. I feel the same way."

Alton has been plagued with unusual turnover — nine resignations in the past six years — which Maj. David Hayes attributes to

"It's definitely not to our advantage," Hayes said. "It's an official standpoint. Being at the lower end of the pay scale has caused problems for us. We worry about officers being recruited out from under us. It's happened more than once."

"We recently lost one officer to SIUE," he said. "He was definitely one of our best minority officers, and the salary played a major role in his decision."

"It's a big fear of ours. We spend a lot of money to train our officers and to prepare them for the streets and then we turn around and lose them. We've also lost some to Belleville."

— From the Alton Telegraph with information supplied by staff writer Bob Slatte.

Madison police arrest 5 on warrants

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Warrant arrests kept Madison police busy on the first day of February.

Five people were arrested on warrants for failure to appear on charges ranging from traffic offenses to assault and drug charges.

Christopher A. Morris, 18, of the 400 block of Oakwood in Granite City, was arrested on a lawful possession of cannabis charge. He was released after posting bail.

Celisa Baker, 21, and Latisha Hyster, 20, both of the 700 block of Illinois Avenue, were arrested after police went to their apartments. Baker was wanted for battery charge, and Hyster was wanted for flight and assault.

Elio Joe Eckert, 21, of the 2000 block of Illinois Avenue in Granite City, who had outstanding warrants for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and illegal possession of cannabis, was arrested by Granite

City police. Madison police were then notified.

Michael A. Taylor of the 1500 block of Fifth Street in Madison was arrested after being spotted walking on Seventh Street by Madison police. He was wanted for failure to appear on two traffic charges.

Police Chief Steve Skoklo said the department is making more warrant arrests because

increases in manpower have allowed officers to become proactive rather than reactive, Skoklo said the number of warrant arrests in Madison increased 239 percent during 1995.

"They run these people when they're in the vicinity," Skoklo said. "Some of them (officers) check the warrants every day. It's just from being an active police department."

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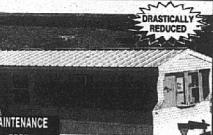
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Vrtis files 2nd facility's siting application

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An application for siting of a fuel processing facility to be built next to a proposed electrical plant in Madison has been filed by developer Michael Vrtis.

The application, filed Jan. 29, will start a process similar to the siting of the \$75 million power plant, including a public hearing.

However, action by the governor and an appeal against the power plant siting by opponents could delay or kill the entire project.

The 60-megawatt, \$75 million power plant is being developed by Metro East LLC, a subsidi-

ary of Connecticut-based STRV LLC. Westmoreland Energy is also a partner in the plant.

The proposed fuel-processing facility would be located north of the power plant. The location is one of two being considered.

The fuel-processing facility would process wood waste for fuel for the plant, designed to run on a combination of waste wood and coal.

The plant would also allow recyclable materials in the wood to be recovered.

The process would create approximately 40 new jobs, almost doubling the number of jobs at the site.

The plant would process approximately 300,000 tons of wood fuel. That process would

also produce an estimated 45,000 tons of other recyclable material.

The facility would use magnets, air separators and a float tank to remove recyclable materials from the wood fuel.

However, the fate of the project is uncertain because of a bill in the appellate section of the Retail Rate Act giving tax breaks to such power plants. Gov. Jim Edgar is considering signing a bill passed recently by both houses to repeal the incentives.

The bill requires utilities to purchase power from alternative producers at the rate charged local municipalities. That rate is significantly higher than the utilities' cost of pro-

ducing electricity and the utilities are reimbursed through a state utility tax credit.

Opponents of the plants call the subsidy corporate welfare, and say it would cost the taxpayers approximately \$180,000 per year for each job created.

Opponents to the Madison plant also filed an appeal of the siting with the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

After hearings in January, opponents filed a brief with the IPCB hearing officer, Michael Winger. Defendants have until next Monday to file a response.

A final ruling on the appeal is due from the board in March.

\$10 billion subsidy?

Sierra Club calls plant incentives too costly

SPRINGFIELD — The Sierra Club's Illinois contingent contends that continued state incentives for waste-to-energy plants could cost \$10 billion in tax revenues over 20 years, including about \$250 million for a proposed facility in Wood River.

"The tax break could get passed by over \$10 billion in payments to polluting incinerators," Sierra Club state field representative Jack Daniels said. "Edgar is brief with our losses before they start with one stroke of his pen by signing legislation to repeal incinerator subsidies that is now on his desk."

A national group

said it used Illinois Commerce

Commission estimates to

calculate the potential costs to

taxpayers. It contend

the state subsidies would be

about 6 cents per kilowatt hour

of electricity sold a

waste-to-energy facility.

Lawmakers passed the

bill, but Gov. Edgar

is still reviewing it. Supporters

of the Polsky Energy Corp.

wood and tire waste-to-energy

project in Wood River have

been lobbying Edgar to sign an

amendatory veto on the bill to

allow the plant to get the

incentive.

Polsky Vice President of

Marketing James Shield

contended that, since current

law requires facilities to begin

receiving the subsidies after 20 years, the

only real loss for the state is

interest on what amounts to a

20-year investment.

"We can show the money

will be repaid the state and we

can continue operating these

plants for 45 to 50 years," he

The Sierra Club contends the

plants will likely be abandoned

after 20 years to avoid

repayment.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Childbirth classes slated

The Women and Newborn Services Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center is offering classes in prepared childbirth for expectant mothers and partners with due dates between April 1 and May 31.

The four-week series of classes include: relaxation and breathing techniques, discussion of labor and delivery, medications, birthing options and introduction to parenting and breast feeding. The goal is for the classes to be completed within two to four weeks prior to delivery date, but participants may wish to attend another series of classes if their due date falls near the end of a series.

Preregistration is required. Cost is \$15 if delivering at SEMC and \$35 if delivering elsewhere.

Tuesday sessions begin Feb. 27, and Wednesday sessions begin Feb. 28. Both sessions will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Women and Newborn Services Building on the second floor of SEMC, 2100 Madison Ave., in Granite City.

For more information or to register, call the SEMC Women and Newborn Services Department at 798-3040.

Holy Family plans fish fries

Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave. in Granite City, will sponsor Lenten fish fries beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21, and continuing every Friday during Lent until April 3 from Feb. 23 through April 8.

The fish fries are held from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center cafeteria. Plates are \$4.50 each, and sandwiches are \$3.50. Carry-outs are available.

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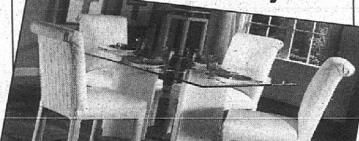
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E. St. Louis office opens**Placement service expands**By Mike Viole
Staff writer

Residents in the Metro East looking to change their position in the workplace have a new place to turn.

Employment Training Center Services Inc., an employment placement agency, recently opened and expanded offices in East St. Louis.

Owner Pat Moore Brock said the company has been operating since November at a location in Washington Park. In early January, the company

moved to a much larger location at 227 Collinsville Avenue.

"Any one 18 years or older can come in and register and fill out a form," Brock said. "We have the office located in East St. Louis, any resident in St. Clair or Madison County can take part in the service."

People who complete the placement with ETCS are linked with companies on both sides of the river. Placement fees are paid for by the companies that accept ETCS client.

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Just think, in only 40 days or so it will officially be spring! If that seems like a long way to stop and think a minute. What were you doing between Christmas and New Year's? That was around 40 days ago and it only seems like yesterday. We're definitely getting close.

Although it's still too early to do much in the way of gardening, it's not totally out of the picture. Here are some handy bits of information that you could use during the month of February.

• Start broccoli, Brussels sprouts and cabbage now for early planting.

• Most indoor flowering plants will retain their flowers longer if room temperatures are kept on the low side, around 55°F or so, especially at night.

• Dull, dusty leaves on houseplants can ruin not only their appearance, but their health. Gently wipe the leaves of large-leaved plants with a clean, moist, soft cloth. Place small-leaved plants under a gentle shower. Gently dust African violets and other hairy-leaved plants with a delicate camel-hair brush.

• If you haven't already done so, remove any fallen leaves, fruit and other debris from the garden.

• Seeds of ageratum, begonia, coleus, impatiens, petunia, salvia and snapdragons will germinate better when exposed to light. When sowing these seeds, don't cover them with soil.

• If your winter landscape seems "tired" or generally lack interest, look around and check out those in other neighborhoods. You may come up with some great ideas. Many plants have attractive winter bark, texture, shape or color and can be planted this year for added interest next winter.

• If you're looking for a great Valentine's Day gift, a flowering houseplant would surely please that special someone in your life.

• Don't forget to visit our seed racks. The selection is fantastic, and now's an excellent time to start them indoors.

• Keep an eye on your bird feeder, and discard any feed that's wet or moldy. Replace it with fresh seed and the birds will be most grateful. Birds flocking around your feeder have a knack of cheering up even the most grumpy of days.

• Store bird feed in a tightly closed container to keep it fresh. When your supply runs low, don't simply forget about it; the birds are depending on you. More feed is as close as your nearest Frank's, and it's very inexpensive.

• Review last season's gardening successes and failures and keep them in mind when making plans for the upcoming season.

• Apartment dwellers, don't feel left out! You can also grow plants in window boxes, even if you don't have the space. Many varieties of beets, broccoli, carrots, cabbage, lettuce, radishes and tomatoes are perfect for container gardening. Start planning a container garden now. Frank's has a nice selection of containers, by the way.

• Want to provide more humidity for your houseplants? A great way is to create a pebble tray. Fill a tray or saucer with a layer of pebbles and add just enough water so as not to cover them. The water evaporating will increase the humidity around the plants.

• Remember to rotate your houseplants one quarter turn every time you water them. This will encourage nice, even growth.

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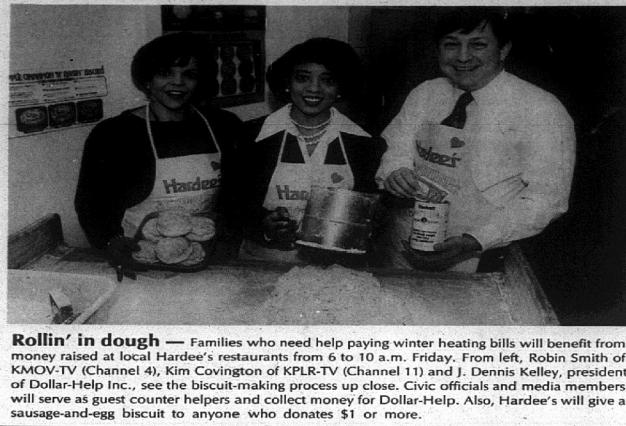
ETCS provides clients with both temporary and permanent placement. They also can provide job leads for people who already have a job but are looking for something better.

Computer classes are offered to clients in a variety of categories and are taught in four processes: learn, practice, audit and skills check.

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Anyone wanting more information about the programs offered through ETCS can call 482-2996.

People wanting to register can stop by the office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Rollin' in dough — Families who need help paying winter heating bills will benefit from money raised at local Hardee's restaurants from 6 to 10 a.m. Friday. From left, Robin Smith of KMOV-TV (Channel 4), Kim Covington of KPLR-TV (Channel 11) and J. Dennis Kelley, president of Dollar-Help Inc., see the biscuit-making process up close. Civic officials and media members will serve as guest counter helpers and collect money for Dollar-Help. Also, Hardee's will give a sausage-and-egg biscuit to anyone who donates \$1 or more.

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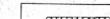
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LOCAL NEWS

Obituaries

J. B. Joiner

J. B. Joiner, 63, of Granite City died at 7:18 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a five-day illness. He was born May 25, 1932, in Ash Hill, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 32 years.

A retired grocery store employee with Cimco's Market in Granite City for 20 years prior to his retirement in 1988, he was a member of Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Granite City, and a Korean War Army veteran.

Survivors include three brothers, Drexel Joiner of Warren, Mich., Glenn Joiner of Denver, Colo., and John Joiner of Granite City; a son, John Wesley Shelly Kinney of Glen Carbon, Opal Gauthier and Andrew Winkler, both of Granite City; and a daughter, Fowler of Dexter.

He was preceded in death by wife, Anna (Kinney) Joiner, Oct. 8, 1991; one daughter, Dawn Joiner, who died Sept. 8, 1988; and his parents, John and Anna Kinney.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 9 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials to his grandchildren's trust funds are suggested.

J. Rajewski

Josephine (Gorka) Rajewski, 73, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Oct. 18, 1922, in St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City for four years.

Mrs. Rajewski was a secretary at Louis Baez School in the Madison School District for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Rajewski of St. Louis, and Carl Rajewski of Madison; two daughters, Carol Dodd and Cathy Lybarger, both of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Rajewski, whom she married June 7, 1943, in St. Louis, who died Nov. 7, 1993; her parents, William and Josephine (Lamki) Gorka and three brothers, Stanley, John and Willie Gorka.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 9 a.m. Thursday with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Saye Rody

Samuel B. Rody, 75, of Livingston died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996, at her residence. Arrangements are pending with Irwin Chapel in Granite City, 931-9000.

Petie Kinsey

Petie (Kinsey) of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 9:25 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 1996, at his residence. He was born April 7, 1910, in Madison and was a resident of Granite City for 38 years.

A crane operator with Granite City Steel for 35 years and a member of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church in Madison and the Metro East Musicians Union Local 711.

Survivors include his wife, Anna (Poznanski) Kinsey, 78, of Granite City, 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Kinsey, whom she had been a resident of Granite City for four years.

Mrs. Kinsey was a secretary at Louis Baez School in the Madison School District for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Rajewski of St. Louis, and Carl Rajewski of Madison; two daughters, Carol Dodd and Cathy Lybarger, both of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

sisters, Virginia Nolen of Palmedale, Calif., and Mary Schirmer of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna (Fitzgerald) Ely, and son, (Black) Ely.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to the Ryan White Foundation or the Mad Cap Foundation, 2016 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill., 62040.

Inzie Kinsey

Indie (Reed) Kinsey, 93, of Jerseyville, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 1996, at Greenwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Jerseyville.

She was born Dec. 30, 1902, in Carrollton County, Ky., and had been a resident of Granite City for 38 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Church of Christ in Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Kinsey, whom she had been a resident of Granite City for four years.

Mrs. Kinsey was a secretary at Louis Baez School in the Madison School District for 10 years prior to her retirement in 1985.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Rajewski of St. Louis, and Carl Rajewski of Madison; two daughters, Carol Dodd and Cathy Lybarger, both of Granite City; and two grandchildren.

A welder with American Steel Foundry in Granite City for 17 years prior to his retirement in 1992, he was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1951 to 1953. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Audra (McLaughlin) Fithen, whom he married in 1952, in St. Ignace, Mich.; three sons, William, A. and Thomas J. Fithen, all of Granite City; and three daughters, J. Fithen of Springfield; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Beatrice (Whitlow) Fithen; five brothers; and one sister, Jeanette Riggins.

Services are at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Leon Bell officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials to his grandchildren's trust funds are suggested.

City died at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville. Arrangements are pending with Irwin Chapel in Granite City, 931-9000.

Raymond Loftus

Raymond L. Loftus, 57, of Granite City died at 6:35 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 1996, at his home, following a three-year illness. He was born June 8, 1938, in Madison, and had been a lifelong resident of Granite City area.

A meat cutter with Hamill Brothers in Madison and A. P. F. Brothers in Granite City, he was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City and the Meat Cutters Local 534, in the Union Lodge 222 in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann (Fitzgerald) Loftus, whom he married Nov. 29, 1959, in Granite City; three sons, George Loftus, Jr., of Glen Carbon, Steve Loftus of Glen Carbon, and Thomas Loftus of Edwardsville; two daughters, Susan Morris of Edwardsville, and Betty Loftus of Glen Carbon; two brothers, Mitch Loftus of Mount Olive and Edward Loftus of Springfield; two sisters, Paula Borg of Pontoon Beach and Linda Loftus of Granite City; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Joseph Loftus and Anna (McLaughlin) Loftus.

Services were Monday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the Organization for the Advancement of the Deaf, 1000 N. Main St., Elkhorn, III., 62020.

ing. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

George Petrunich

George J. Petrunich, 67, of Granite City died at 8:05 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 1996, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, following a three-month illness. He was born April 15, 1928, in Mount Olive and had been a resident of Granite City for 36 years.

A plumber with Ross Plumber in Berkeley, Mo., for 34 years prior to his retirement in 1988, he was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City, Plumbers' Local 534 in St. Granite City, and the Granite City Union Lodge 222 in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann (Fitzgerald) Petrunich, whom he married Nov. 29, 1959, in Granite City; three sons, George Petrunich, Jr., of Glen Carbon, Steve Petrunich of Glen Carbon, and Thomas Petrunich of Edwardsville; two daughters, Susan Morris of Edwardsville, and Betty Loftus of Glen Carbon; two brothers, Mitch Petrunich of Mount Olive and Edward Petrunich of Springfield; two sisters, Paula Borg of Pontoon Beach and Linda Loftus of Granite City; and two granddaughters.

Services were Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Steve Pfeifer officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the Union Lodge 222 in Granite City.

Services are requested for the Rev. Catherine Petrunich.

Services were Tuesday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Steve Pfeifer officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the Rev. Steve Pfeifer officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Woodworking Show Saturday

The St. Louis Woodworking Show will feature seminars by nationally known woodturner Nick Cook of Marietta, Ga. The seminars will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, during the annual Woodworking Show at Gateway Center in Collinsville. Professional woodturner Nick Cook demonstrates and lectures at universities, craft schools and woodshows throughout the country. He has been selected to teach at the New Zealand National Woodturning Conference later this year.

Cook will teach two seminars during the Woodworking Show. The first will be on simple turning emphasizing techniques for production projects that are functional as well as marketable. The second will be on bowl turning and how to create works of art from common and inexpensive woods.

To register for the seminars, call the woodworking shows at 1-800-826-6257.

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Joe and Vicki Kieva, who travel the country in their RV, will be giving seminars during each of the three days of the St. Louis RV Camping & Travel Show.

RV Camping, Travel Show Feb. 22-25 at TWA Dome

The St. Louis RV Camping & Travel Show, presented by the Midwest Gateway RV Dealers Association, will be making its annual appearance this year under the new St. Louis Trans World Dome, and spilling over into a portion of the adjoining Convention Center.

The annual event, coming Feb. 22-25, will be the largest RV show ever in St. Louis, and one of the largest public RV shows in the country. There will be nearly 400 new RVs on display, including motorhomes, travel trailers, fifth wheels, camper vans and pop ups.

The association, made up of 120 RV dealers, expects 16 dealerships to be present, showcasing the latest products from more than 30 manufacturers. There also will be a number of exhibitors representing campgrounds, resorts and various products.

The western swing trio "Riders in the Sky" will be the featured entertainment at 3 p.m. Saturday. Eight-time Fiddler of the Year, Johnny Gimble, will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday. Other entertainment includes the bluegrass-gospel of the Sizte Family of Frederickton, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and popular regional artists George Porter, the King of Bluegrass, from St. Louis, who will be the opening act for both "Riders in the Sky" and "Gibble."

Entertainment is sponsored by NAPA auto parts.

Friday will be family day, with children 12 and under admitted free. To entertain young and old, three magicians are scheduled: Harry Morris and John Apperson at 3 p.m. and Ross Kallen at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening's entertainment will be popular Elvis impersonator Steve Davis, with his Memphis Mafia, at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday will be Senior Citizens Day and those ages 55 and older will be admitted free with a special half-priced discount of \$3.50. There will be a Lowrey organ concert by Lacefield Family.

Seminars this year include an appearance by Jeff Johnston of "The Big Lebowski," the nation's largest RV publication. Johnston's seminar is at 1:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday; people will be able to meet him individually between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

Also offering seminars on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are Joe and Vicki Kieva of Venice, Calif. The husband-wife team travel the country giving seminars and writing articles for a number of magazines. They will give two seminars each day: "10 Tips on Choosing an RV" at 11:30 a.m. and "Extended RV Travel Made Easy" at 4:30 p.m.

Admission at the door is \$7 for adults, with \$2 discount coupons available at participating NAPA Auto Parts stores and at Shop-N-Save. Admission for children ages 6-12 is \$2; children 5 and under are free. The cost of admission also covers the car.

Hospitality for the St. Louis RV Camping & Travel Show will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 314-355-1236.

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Horoscope

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Mercury in Capricorn sextiles Saturn in Pisces to create marvelous potential for big-chip investments, new businesses and those involved in high-stakes entertainment or sports endeavors. Those involved with international trade find that their timing is perfect now. Unusual luck abounds for teachers, truckers and airline workers. Confused investors get insider information. Luck comes from little-touted, rare sources.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A financial struggle is just ahead. Even though you're co-workers and your relatives with separate incomes, there must be mixed with more disciplines. You have luck with letters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Bruised egos slow you down. Use tact to get favors ordinarily denied. Enjoy new love with the former partner of a friend. Cancel appointments if you are not prepared. Make long-range decisions. Accept proposals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Financial upheavals require you to use creativity in new ways. Be outrageous. Encourage others to break from their routines. Embrace new ideas — you are bogged down by habits and pettiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The usual specials prove lucky, helping you just in the nick of time. You show employers, teachers and authorities that you were right. Celebrate by focusing on potential new loves. You sparkle in tense meetings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Persistence and emotional stamina put you ahead of competitors in every area of life. Slow down to accept guidance — then, move quickly. Stop trying to second-guess others. Just do what is right. Your lover arouses suspicions.

LIBRA'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7). You thrive in social groups and will be elected or selected for positions of leadership in June and October. Triumphs in love this April lead to domestic adjustments that are definitely worth the effort. Marriage and commitments are lucky in July and October. Seek out Pisces and Scorpio for love. Look for a tall, dark, fair. Windfalls benefit you in November. Begin a new business now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your command of a situation is slipping. Exert your power or you'll miss an opportunity. You can find lasting success with former business associates. Be energetic and generate with your relatives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Other's interference complicates a situation. You will receive much-needed credit. Maintain good relations with co-workers or neighbors because you may need them tomorrow.

SCORPIUS (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Sidestep a debate — you'll come out on top. Enjoy work on adventures because luck is linked to activities requiring youthful ideas. You make an excellent first impression. Delegate chores — you do more than your share.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A relationship seems frozen in time, so add a new twist. You'll be the one to turn things around. An other need you to take the lead. A co-worker hides information. Challenge authorities — you'll win.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Outstanding rewards come because of a professional or financial sacrifice. Tough assignments seem unjust, but you gain by finding new reserves of talent. Pending should be delayed.

ARIANUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gear up for fast action — don't imitate those who have failed in the past. You cut through bureaucratic red tape. Renewed hassles with an employer convince you to look for a new job. Don't overreact to a current boss's mistake.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Separate family or work responsibilities before they seem overwhelming. Enlightened attitudes put you in a lucky frame of mind. A marriage partner gets a superb job. Take action — don't wait for others.

Movie schedule

Film timetable for Wednesday, Feb. 7. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

VILLE CINEMA
Edwardsville, IL
Toy Story (G) 4:15, 8:45, 9:00
Jumanji (PG) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
Father of the Bride 2 (PG) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

NAMEOKI CINEMA
30 Main St., Edwardsville, IL
Black Sheep (PG-13) 5:30, 7:30
Bed of Roses (PG) 5:45, 7:45
Father of the Bride 2 (PG) 7:15

QUAD CINEMA
Bellwood, IL
Mr. Holland's Opus (PG) 4:30, 7:45
Grumpier Old Men (PG-13) 5:00, 7:30
Toy Story (G) 5:15, 7:15
Father of the Bride 2 (PG) 9:15
The Juror (R) 7:00, 9:00

RITZ CINEMA
403 E. Main St., Belleville, 233-5356
Balto (G) 6:45
Mr. Holland's Opus (PG) 5:20, 8:15
Hannibal (R) 7:00, 9:00
White Squall (PG-13) 4:00, 6:45
Dunston Checks In (PG) 5:15
Sister Act (PG) 5:30, 7:30
Eye For An Eye (R) 5:00, 7:45
From Dusk Till Dawn (R) 4:45, 7:15

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Cottonwood, IL
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Granite City Journal

Sports

12 Warrior grapplers advance to sectionals

By Rob Raphael

Staff writer

The Granite City Warriors came and conquered Saturday, advancing 12 of their 13 wrestlers out of the Class AA Belleville West Regionals and into the West River Sectionals this Saturday.

The Warriors also won the team title with 222 points, and were to wrestle O'Fallon on Tuesday for the team regional at Granite City. O'Fallon placed second with 125 points, narrowly getting past Belleville West (119) and Belleville East (106).

Lincoln (53), Janek and East St. Louis (40) rounded out the team standings.

The Warriors finished with six champions, including four in a row starting with the 145-pound class.

O'Fallon was the only other team with more than one champion, as the Panthers had four titleists. Lincoln, Cahokia and West each had one champion.

"We're certainly pleased about how well we did," said Granite City coach Mike Gar-

land. "We never have anyone lose because of a lack of effort, so we're putting them in the best shape possible. It's up to them how they perform."

It was the Panthers who came out of the gate rolling on Saturday, as 103-pound Kevin Greenwood raised his record to 32-5 with a 9-3 win over Nick Bingham of East. Nick Burdette followed with a 7-3 decision from Granite City's John Kelly in the 112-pound match.

Bob Chaulkett (32-5) was the initial Granite City champion on as he beat East's Rob Naylor by technical fall at 119 pounds.

Crisp had the Lincoln fans on their feet when he Estrada defeated West's David Yoshida at 125 pounds. Crisp turned an even match into an easy win with a strong second period.

"Demondre is tough, and he's a four-year wrestler," said Lincoln coach Henry Medley. "He's paid his dues, and he's peaking at the right time."

Pearo Davis, who unfortunately is injured for us, won a regional and sectional title for

us in the past; and he's right there helping Demondre every second of the way."

Scott Vilek, now 32-4, got by Granite City's Kevin Feigenbutz to take the 130-pound title, and James Foster showed surprising tenacity by outpointing Granite City's Jonas Jenek in the 135-pound finals.

At 140 pounds, West's Bob Schrag won a controversial 7-5 decision over Jason Martin of East.

After that point, the Warriors won five of the final six championship matches. Jeff Estrada moved his record to 34-4 with a hard-fought decision over O'Fallon's Marshell Goodman at 145.

Jason Wilson defeated Jason Wilson at 152-pounds, and Frank Jones by fall in the 152-pound match.

John Venne won classic struggle over C.J. Fernandes of East at 160, while Joe Schreiber Michael Sargent of Lincoln on a take-down, and Sargent was injured and could not continue.

"We were worried at first, but there's nothing broken, and right now it looks like he'll compete this weekend," Medley said.

In fact, the reason why Davis is not wrestling this year is because of a separated shoulder he suffered at last year's regionals.

"This has been the worst year for injuries in my 26 years," said Medley.

(See GRAPPLERS, Page 4B)

Belleville West Regional

Team scores

(Top 2 team advance)
1. Granite City 222; 2. O'Fallon 125; 3. Belleville West 119; 4. Belleville East 106; 5. Lincoln 53; 6. Cahokia 26; 7. East St. Louis 0.

Finals

(Top 3 in each class advance)
1st Place: Kevin Greenwood (OF) def. Nick Bingham (BE) 9-3
2nd Place: Bob Chaulkett (GC) def. Reginald Beard (LIN) 19-8, 12-11
3rd Place: Nick Burdette (OF) def. John Kelly (GC) 7-3
4th Place: Nick Winkler (BE) WBF over Mike Crisp (GC) 14-13
5th Place: Kurt Rujala (OF) 11-3, 3rd Place: Kurt Rujala (OF) 12-11, 1st Place: Andrew Nesta (BW) over Andrew Nesta (BW) 1-0
6th Place: Andrew Nesta (BW) over Frank Jones (GC) WBF over Jason Wilson (GC) WBF over Frank Jones (BW) 2-3, 3rd Place: Darren Sargent (OF) 13-2, 1st Place: (CAH) 13-2, 1st Place: John Venne (GC) def. C.J. Fernandes (BE) 1-0, 3rd Place: Jeff Estrada (GC) def. Marshell Goodman (BW) 11-3, 3rd Place: Kurt Rujala (OF) 12-11, 1st Place: Jason Wilson (GC) WBF over Michael Sargent (LIN) 1-0, 3rd Place: Andrew Nesta (BW) 1-0, 1st Place: James Foster (BW) 6-2, 1st Place: Alie Taylor (BW) WBF over John Venne (GC) 1-0, 3rd Place: John Carpenter (BW) WBF over Kenneth Hayes (LIN) 2-19, 27-1, 1st Place: Paul Garrett (OF) def. Duane Phillips (BE) 4-1, 3rd Place: Paul Garrett (OF) def. Duane Phillips (BE) 4-1.

Senior Night final home appearance for McMillan, Short

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

After the game between Granite City and Belleville East was postponed last Friday, basketball fans will have one more chance to see this edition of the Lady Warriors when the Lancers visit Memorial Gymnasium.

It will also be the final chance to see the Lady Warriors' two seniors play at home. Friday, Belleville East will host Denise McMillan and Christina Short, the only two seniors on the GCHS team — get a chance to say goodbye. For the fans, it's a time to say "thank you."

"We really want to do this up right," said GCHS coach Chuck Kraus. "We want the seniors to know that they're appreciated, and we want the fans to come out and cheer the girls on."

"THIS IS SOMETHING THE GIRLS will remember for a long time, and it should be done right."

The seniors to be honored play very different

roles on the Lady Warrior team, but contribute just the same.

McMillan is the ultimate scoring machine, with over 1,200 career points. She's known as the school record holder for points in a Lady Warrior, but McMillan must be close if she hasn't broken it. She is among the leaders in scoring the area, and she has scored over 30 points each of the last two games.

Meanwhile, Short has moved from Madison at the beginning of the school year. She has added sometimes amazing defense to the Warrior attack, despite her small stature.

Short is a rebound, steal and block specialist, and she has shown a personality that Kraus can't get talking about.

"Well, first of all, Denise is probably one of the best basketball players to ever play here, and certainly one of the best guards. Right now, I can't think of anyone in the area who's better."

And Christina has just played her heart out all year. With all of the difficult things she's been faced with, she comes out and plays hard every night, and never complains. Each senior

(See SENIORS, Page 4B)

McMillan, above, with ball, and Christina Short will say their goodbyes to the home crowd today as the Lady Warriors host the Lancers at Memorial Gymnasium.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Carrie Simpson will help carry on the Lady Warrior fight.



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BASKETBALL

Granite City edges O'Fallon in a fourth quarter
79-72 non-conference win.

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SPORTS

Fourth quarter rally gives Warriors win

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Playing at home against a team with a 1-1 record might seem like a combination for an easy victory.

But Granite City basketball coach John Van Buskirk knew better. His Warriors had to stage a fourth-quarter rally to beat visiting O'Fallon 79-72 in a non-conference game Saturday night.

"We got a little careless," said Van Buskirk, whose squad

improved to 8-12. "That team wanted a win awful bad and they worked real hard. They caused us some problems and we didn't do some things we needed to do. They're a very scrappy team."

O'Fallon, which had defeated Marion 63-61 on Friday for its first victory of the season, led Granite City by eight points into the third quarter.

"Our effort was good — we played hard and a lot of kids contributed a lot of good things," said Panthers coach

Norm Toenjes. "But at one point in the second half, they had shot 19 free throws and we had 10."

"It gets a little frustrating when every call is going the other way. They're more of a physical team underneath and our kids were getting crowded around them the time after time. That's really hard for our kids because we're not very big and nothing is getting called."

Senior guard Jay Simpson, with a game-high 23 points, was one of five Granite City players in double figures. Bobby Ellis and Ray Smith had 15 points each, Dustin Brewer scored 14 and Steve Logan added 11.

"Jay Simpson had some key baskets in the fourth quarter," Van Buskirk said. "He struggled in the beginning, but made up for it with his defense at the end and his 3-pointers."

The Warriors got off to a good start, taking a 25-13 lead early in the second quarter after a basket by sophomore Curtis Gilbert to tie the game at 30-30 on a rebound basket by Curtis Gilbert, but Granite City led 36-34 at halftime on a pair of free throws by Logan.

O'Fallon came strong in the third quarter, taking a 45-38 lead on a 3-pointer by freshman Kyle Wyatt and a basket by sophomore Ralph Holman. The Panthers scored 49-41 with 1:37 to play on a basket by Gilbert, but the Warriors got within two (51-49) on a tip by Simpson at the buzzer.

The momentum continued to

slip away from the Panthers

early in the fourth quarter, as a trey by Simpson and a layup by Simpson after a steal and basket by Smith and a pair of free throws by Simpson made the score 58-51.

A 3-pointer by Wyatt cut the Warriors' lead to 66-63 with 3:38 to play, but O'Fallon couldn't get any closer. Granite City increased its lead to 72-63 on a pair of free throws by Ellis with 1:11 to play.

"When you have that many free throws, you should shoot better," Van Buskirk said. "It's been a funny year for us. We can't get any consistency."

"WE HAD A GREAT week-end last weekend (with wins over Belleville West and East St. Louis). On Jan. 26-27, Jay Simpson appeared at his middle and was out of practice until Wednesday. Steve Logan was sick and was out of practice until Thursday, but that's the way the season has been going."

"Kyle Briggs is out for the rest of the year, and we've adjusted to that. Another senior, Jeff Wallis, is still not healthy."

O'Fallon, meanwhile, got 16 points from Wyatt, 14 each from Gilbert and John Abbott and 10 from Holmes.

Granite City is the No. 8 seed among 16 teams in the Belleville Class AA Sectional Complex and will play a first-round regional game at home. The Warriors return to Southwestern Conference action Friday at Chaminade and travel to St. Louis on Saturday to face Chaminade.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Dustin Brewer jumps for two against Alton recently. He scored 14 against visiting O'Fallon.

Warrior Ray Smith had 15 points for Granite City.

Troubled Comanches

Coach Kristoff grapples the Cahokia wrestling program

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The problems with the Cahokia wrestling program are many, but coach Mark Kristoff has the right idea.

The program has suffered from a lack of dedication and interest, to the point that the Comanches were not able to field a competitive team last year. It will surely take some time, but Kristoff seems determined to bring Cahokia wrestling back to where it was.

"This thing did not sneak up on us," he said. "We have been working the last two years to turn things around, and I think we've already taken some big steps in that direction."

Currently, Kristoff is the Cahokia establishes a feeder program that will attract younger athletes.

"We are fortunate to have an excellent feeder program in Granite City," said Mike Garland, who coaches the Granite City Warrior wrestling team, currently ranked No. 1 in the state of Illinois. "The kids learn to enjoy the sport at an early age, and that's what it takes."

"It can all go so quickly, and it takes years to build it back up."

"Although we've had trouble fielding a full team, I have three or four wrestlers who will be heard from this year," said Kristoff.

"We have set up a junior program under coach Eddie Wiley, and people are already starting to notice us and ask about us. We have one kid undefeated, and several others with excellent records."

The junior team includes wrestlers aged 7 to 14, and Wiley is assisted by Josh Polke and George Demetruias.

Kristoff is also working with other staff in the school district to present a plan to the Cahokia School Board asking to establish a wrestling program in the junior high schools.

"We want to present to them a package with no cost to the district whatsoever," Kristoff said. "We have the proposal almost ready. We have the money and we can work on raising money for uniforms. The main problem right now is transportation."

"I hope we can get this thing to work. This is what's going to bring us back to where we ought to be."

If we could help make a young man a success in something, even if just for a little while, then that was something that person could be proud of, and something that could never be taken away.

— Russ Baum
Former Cahokia coach

away

"The school board even dropped wrestling one year to my dismay, but the outcry was so large that they reinstated it."

"We also have a truancy problem at Cahokia and many of the kids don't have a whole lot of parental backing," said Kristoff. "Teaching is changing, and now we have to be that role model sometimes. The more things we can do to keep kids at school, that's less time they have to spend on the streets."

"There are a lot of Cahokia people interested in wrestling. It takes a lot of time, and I've been depressed at times lately; but with everybody working toward the same goals, we'll turn this around."

Right-hand man of radio was much more

Loyalty, dependability, dedication, enthusiasm. How often do we encounter an individual with such characteristics?

I had such thoughts after hearing of the Jan. 23 death of Bob Agne, a 40-year-old native of Belleville.

Recognized as an assistant to sportscaster Joe May, Agne was much more than that.

"This is a big loss to us," said Dr. David Wheeler, part owner of Hometown radio station WINU/880 AM.

"Bob was brilliant in some areas, including sports and music."

He was a graduate of Belleville East. Agne originally teamed with May in 1978 at Belleville radio station WIBV/1260 AM.

"He gave our auto racing reports on our Saturday morning sports show," said May, who noted that Agne was introduced radio via a class at Belleville Area College.

"He was his lifelong aspiration to be a D.J. (disc jockey)," said May.

Sports and working with May, though, were the

bridge that led Agne to his dream.

"He was always there for anything you needed," May said of Agne, who was especially helpful after Joe suffered a heart attack in December 1989.

With May's help, Agne became as a radio engineer as well as editor of other media ventures by the veteran sportscaster.

Involved more recently as the editor of "Baseball Magazine St. Louis Style," Agne also helped build the scenes when May and Wheeler published "The Redbird Review," then known as the magazine of the St. Louis Cardinals.

"He was a great help to us," May said. "He was a great help to us."

"Sports and working with May, though, were the

trade, Bob knew the details," May said.

Respected by the likes of St. Louis columnists Bob Burns and Bob Broeg, Agne was comfortable in several areas, including originating story ideas to editing the set-up copy.

Also a competent programmer, he worked with May in packaging the "Whitney Herzog Show," which was carried by 50 stations via satellite throughout the Midwest.

When not working with May or longtime analyst Bob Gagen, Agne remained an auto racing enthusiast doing everything from selling programs to reporting results to announcing demolition derbies.

Broadcasting, though, was Agne's dream. After his part-time work at WINU in news, weather and sports capacities and manning the program board, he first announced Triad boys basketball games and more recently McKendree men's games until he got a break.

"There was a personnel change that allowed Jack (See RIGHT HAND, Page 4B)

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Sports shorts

Bowl for Kids' Sake
League bowlers are invited to participate in the 1996 Bowl for Kids' Sake event, sponsored by Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois in partnership with the Bowling Professionals Association.

Participating bowling centers include Bowl Haven in Alton, Inn in East Alton, Wood River Inn, Airport Inn, Bowl in Bethalto, and Bel-Air and St. Clair Bowl in Belleville. League bowlers can get sponsors and scores will be taken from regular league games during the week of Feb. 18-24. Sponsors will be solicited.

beginning Jan. 25.

Prizes for top money raisers include a computer, tickets for Kiel Center, two round-trip tickets to a Southwestern Illinois destination and a stay at a luxury condo in Chicago.

The money raised will be used to recruit, screen and match volunteers with kids waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister. A portion of the funds raised will also go to the Youth Bowling Scholarship program. Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois serves the children of St. Clair and Madison Counties.

For more information, contact

center or call Big Brothers-Big Sisters at 465-4404 in Alton or 398-3162 in Belleville.

Fonthorne baseball clinic
Fonthorne Community will be presenting a pitching and catching clinic for interested baseball players aged 10 years and older.

The clinic will be held at the student activities center on the Fonthorne campus, from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7-8. The clinic will be led by Fonthorne head baseball coach and Granite City native Darin Hendrickson and CBC head baseball coach Scott

Brown.

The cost of the clinic is \$45 for the two evenings of instruction, and all participants will receive a t-shirt. Athletes should bring proper shoes and a glove and proper catching gear. For more information, call 314-889-1466 or 314-563-9134.

High school league offered
The Granite City Park District will be starting a school age basketball league. A minimum of four teams is needed to get the league started.

The league would be held at the Lincoln Place Community Center gymnasium on Thursday evenings at 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. each week for six weeks. The cost will be \$100 per team for six games and play-offs.

Pontoon leagues forming
The Pontoon Beach Khouri

League is offering signs for T-ball, baseball and softball leagues. The signups will be held at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall on Illinois 111.

Signups will continue through the months of January, February and March, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Interested parents should bring birth certificates and photographs.

For more information, call Ida at 797-5477 or Tracy at 931-1291.

ters from the list. Boys or girls who are six years of age will be held at the Pontoon Beach Village Hall on Illinois 111.

Anyone interested in managing a youth baseball or softball team should also call or stop in the park office, as managers are always needed. For more information, call the Wilson Park office, 877-3059.

Basketball coaches needed

The Granite City Park District is planning to start a junior high school-age basketball program. But before the program begins, the Park District must know if there is a sufficient number of coaches who would be available to manage the participants.

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SPORTS

•Strong

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Jeff Estrada at 145, the Warriors had four straight champions in their pocket.

Possibly the biggest win of them all was John Venne's dramatic victory over double-toughed Fred Fernandes of Belleville East. Wrestling for the fourth time this season against Fernandes, Venne finally came out on top in the 160-pound final.

"AND THAT WAS important for John, too," Garland said. "It's a big factor to get a good draw in the sectionals tournament. It can really make a big difference. It's really quite a chess match from this point."

Jason Wilson (152) looked good in pinning Frank Jones of Belleville West. John Selliers (169) was a bear in his match with Lincoln's Michael Sargent. Scott picked Sargent up and slammed him down on the mat. Sargent, apparently received a shoulder or neck injury, and was forced to default.

As far as that lower half of the weight class was concerned, the seven Warriors' wrestling under 145 pounds advanced.

That group was led by Bob Chaulsett (119), who was masterful in gaining a technical



Bob Chaulsett



Joe Scott



Jason Wilson

•Grapplers

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fall over Rob Naylor of Belleville East to win the first-place medal. Other wrestlers were surprisingly strong, including Adam Dunnivant at 103, Jonas Janek at 135, and David Thompson at 140.

"WE DECIDED to just put one coach on one wrestler this week, and see what happened," Garland said. "It worked out pretty well, especially with Janek and Thompson. We really took care of them, and it made the difference."

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•Seniors

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is special in her own way.

"And really, this whole group has never given up, even though it would have been easy to do so several times."

Although Granite City has an away game with one of the few area teams that could be described as tougher than East

— the Lady Panthers of Jerseyville.

Then the second season begins, and the Lady Warriors have

another date with the Lady Knights of Collville.

"Even though we win 8-11, we're going to go down fighting," said Garland. "We continue to have a positive attitude, and we'll never give up. But Wednesday, I hope we can show the seniors that we're behind them. And I hope the fans come out and support the girls. It could really mean a lot to them."

•Right hand

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Cohr (WINU station manager) to give Bob his part time job as a DJ, and May.

Monday, Jan. 22, was Agne's first day full time for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift that ended when Bob dialed 911 in the early afternoon.

"He got sick and put the station on automatic satellite sometime between 2 and 3," said Wheeler.

According to Wheeler, no one knows for sure if Agne did the

latter before making the emergency call.

Loyalty, dependability, dedication, enthusiasm — words worth considering when recalling Bob Agne. My sympathy to his mother Ann and

OVERTIME: Among the persons attesting to Agne's trivia knowledge is Ron Kohr, teacher-coach at O'Fallon High, who attended Belleville East with Bob.

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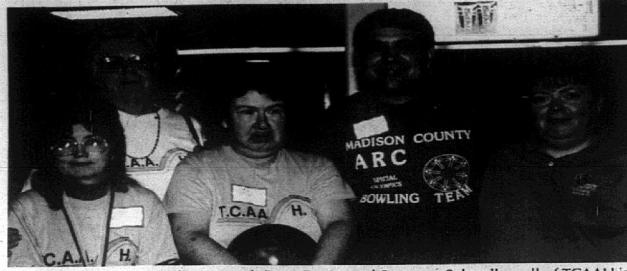
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PEOPLE

Athletes 'strike' in tourney



From left are Sherrie Wilson, coach Rose Bauer and Suzanne Schwaller, all of TCAAH in Granite City, and Gerald Buckstrap and coach Diane Wilburn, both of William Bedell ARC of Alton.



From left, front row, are Melanie Cullen, Jessica Miles and Christopher Markovich; back row, Richard Scharf, coach David Becherer, Adam Myint, Christopher Odgen, Jeffrey Clark, Mike Benefield, coach Diane Becherer and Larry Kampmann.



From left, Pete Vasques, April Pabst and coach Hazel Kynion.

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PEOPLE

Athletes 'strike' in tourney

Several athletes competed in the Illinois Special Olympics 1995 State Bowling Tournament held late last year in Peoria.

To qualify to compete in the 200-athlete state tournament, athletes earned gold medals at one of 21 area tournaments and then another gold at one of four regional tournaments in the state.

Illinois Special Olympics 1995 State Bowling Tournaments results for Region I athletes are:

Michael Benefield, Division III Doubles, gold; Jeffrey Clark, Division III Doubles, gold; Jeffrey Clark, Division IV Junior Male Singles, gold; Melanie Cullen, Division II Doubles, silver; Larry Kampmann, Division II Junior Male Singles, gold;

Christopher Markovich, Division II Doubles, bronze; Jessica Miles, Division II Doubles, silver; Adam Myint, Division III Junior Male Singles, gold; Christopher Odgen, Division I Doubles, silver; and Richard Scharf, Division III Male Singles Ramp, gold.

Tri-City Association for Advancement of Handicapped athletes Suzanne Schwaller and Sherrie Wilson also competed.

Schwaller earned a gold medal in doubles bowling with her partner Gerald Buckstrap from William Bedell ARC in Alton. Wilson took the silver medal in Division VII Female Master Singles.

The organization for

Advancement of the Handicapped athletes April Pabst and Pete Vasques also made an appearance.

Together, Pabst and Vasques earned a silver medal in Doubles bowling.

Illinois Special Olympics is a not-for-profit organization providing year-round training and competition in 19

Olympic-type sports for nearly 20,000 athletes eight years and older with mental retardation.

Special Olympics programs enhance physical fitness, motor skills, self-confidence, social skills and encourage family support. Special Olympics helps athletes train for life.

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Richard Douglas
Army Recruit Pvt. Richard S. Douglas has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo.

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Briefly:

Holy family to host fish fry. The family Catholic Church of Washington, D.C., will host a fish fry on Wednesday, Feb. 27, this community's only event during Lent. Cost is \$1.50. From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center cafeteria. Plates are 50¢ each and sandwiches are 25¢ carry-outs are available.

Classical concert.

Dr. Dennis Dinger, music director and conductor of the Men's Society of St. Paul, will present a classical concert of solo and ensemble pieces from classical composers. The concert will be at 8 p.m. at the St. Paul Church, 111 S. Main Street, on Feb. 24. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. Five thousand dollars will be given to the church. For more information, call 424-2400.

David Ross, Heart Center, the 1984-85 president of the Heart Center of America, will speak on the importance of heart health in the community. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, this community's only event during Lent. Cost is \$1.50. From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center cafeteria. Plates are 50¢ each and sandwiches are 25¢ carry-outs are available.

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ROBERT AND MARY ANN HARRIS, shown here, are four generations. Robert's mother, Mary Ann, died in 1978. From middle right, from left, Roberta (Dorothy) Koen, mother; and Eleanor, Robert's grandmother. Back row, Vickie (Wells) Dennis, grandmother; (front) from Granite City.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Madison County Salon 53 to meet Feb. 20

Madison County Salon 53 of the Elks will hold its meeting on Jan. 15 at the American Legion Post in Highland.

Hostesses for lunch were Georgia Pollard, Agnes Kirstein, Ramona Haislar and Betty Loy. There were 20 partners present.

Elsie Viergee of Bethalto, chapeau, conducted the business meeting. The obligation of membership was given by Zella Endre of Bethalto by guest chapeau departmental Dorothy Hinson of Madison. Edith

Ruehrup, pouvoir member,

announced the spring pouvoir will be held in Rock Island in April.

Dorothy Sooy, children and youth chairwoman, distributed forms for the Superkids Campership for donations. Camp Superkids is a summer camp for children with asthma. It is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Illinois.

A "thank you" was received

from the Gateway Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis for pillows given to them for their children's

Christmas party Dec. 2.

Irene Schneek, nurses scholarship chairman, collected \$1,22 for this fund. A total of \$10,000 has been sent to the departmental already.

The attendance prize was

won by Marjorie Rosenthal of New Douglas.

Plans were discussed for a

program to be held in the chapeau department in April. Children's songs will be used because the

departmental theme is Raggedy Ann and Andy.

Those attending from this

area were Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer and Frances Cowley.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Edwardsville American Legion Hall.

Young at Heart Group to meet Feb. 19

The Young at Heart Senior Citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting Jan. 15 in the church community center.

The meeting was called to order by Cleola Siebert, president. Sister Jean Patrick led the group in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by the recording secretary, Cleo Schneke, followed by the treasurer's report, given by Catherine Berosky. Jean Francis, corresponding secretary, reported receiving the Golden Frontier newsletter from Mary Volm and Winifred Kelly. Connie McGee, membership chairwoman, reported 85 members in attendance.

Irma Manning, trip chairwoman, reported a trip on the Golden Frontier to see "Singing in the Rain" on Feb. 25. Payment must be made at the time of reservation. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 11 a.m.

Birthday celebrants in December were

Irma Manning, Ann Zinn, Mary Mang, Victoria

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McQuay, Zita Bequette and Mary Juhasz. Birthday celebrants in January were Zerlin Vincine, Warren Bequette, Cecilia Hamrahan, Adele Wasylek, Bill Zinn and Norma Tankersley.

Attendance prizes were won by Bill Zinn, Jim Gerboe, Violet Holder, Jean Francis, Veronica Patrick, Lucille Caban, Ann Konopka, Rosemary Forys, Pauline Hanson and Bernadine Brinza.

A representative from the Golden Frontier gave a talk and presented slides on an 11-day trip to Paris, France, and the Shrine of World War II took place.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 and will be a soup, chili and cream bread meal. For those members that do not wish to bring soup, chili or cream bread, a \$2 fee will be charged.

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Briefs

Temperance Union

The Granite City Union of the Women's Christian Temperance Union met Jan. 22 in the fellowship hall of Central Free Methodist Church in Pontiac Beach.

A supper was served for the group, followed by a devotional given by Vernon Brown on "How it should be used and living with eternity in view."

The Bible says "Teach us to

number our days that we may apply our heart unto wisdom,"

Psalm 90:12.

For the program, a skit was given by Priscilla James, the Rev. Ray Radae and the Rev. Bobby Samuel. James played the part of a teenager who was being tempted by the devil to start smoking.

An angel encouraged her not to start smoking and became addicted to tobacco. He sent her from the Bible that Jesus could give her victory

over this habit.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Doris Brown. Plans were made to go to the Detention Home in Edwardsville. The group discussed the essay, poster and coloring contest, which will be held in the spring.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 26, at the Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church in Granite City.

Omicron Chapter

Omicron Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its regular meetings in January.

The first meeting was in the home of Joyce Aleman. Evelyn Taveler gave the program regarding the building of the Golden Gate Bridge. It took 21 years from its conception until its completion in 1937.

The second meeting was held in the home of Tolliver. This meeting was the January social, soup and salad dinner. Pat Tsigolofar gave the program on early education in Illinois. She also mentioned that the first kindergarten class in the United States was held in St. Louis. Plans were made for the February social, a Valentine party to be held at the next meeting.

The traveling basket for the month was won by Alexander.

Other members of the chapter are: Carol Clegg, Ruth Stoyanoff, Bea Brackett, Imogene Forrest, Lora Mae Lombardi, Alice Konieczny, Delores Dorch and Arlene Haldeman.

Unit 307

Venice-Madison Unit 307 junior group of the American Legion held its meeting Jan. 15 at Post 307 in Venice.

Vice president Melissa Allen, host for the social, conducted the business meeting. Plans were made to attend the 22nd District junior meeting on Feb. 17 in Columbia. This is a bonding event.

A candy sale will be held Feb. 24 and 25 at the Granite City Wal-Mart store. Money will be used to attend the state junior convention in April in East Peoria.

Junior contests were discontinued and rules were given to all present.

Following the meeting, 38 heart tray favors were made with quarters on each for the Alton Mental Health Facility in Alton.

Poppy corsages were begun for the poppy contest.

Those attending were Carrie Baker, Laura Martin, Cathy Moreland, Andria Passig, Melinda Allen and senior members Rose Moreland and Dorothy Hinson.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Post 307 in Venice.

St. Elizabeth's Sodality

The monthly meeting of St. Elizabeth's Sodality was held on Jan. 23.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Brusatti, president.

Reports were read by Lillian Ropac, secretary, and Beta Mary, treasurer. Reports were furnished by the various committees.

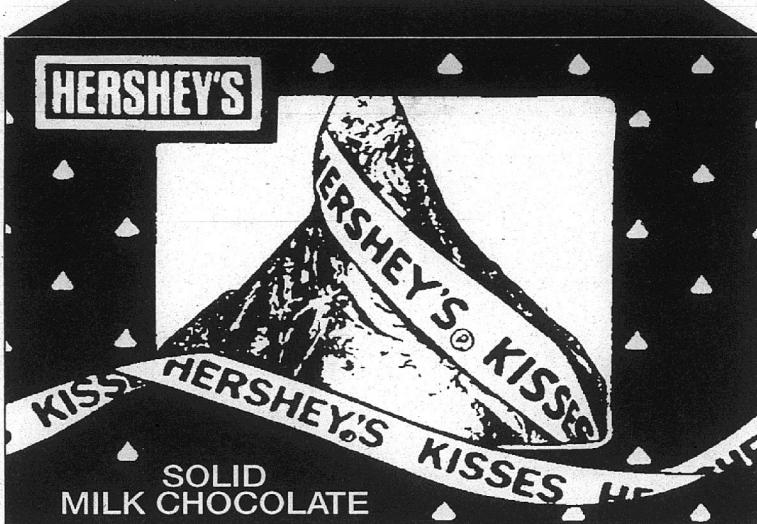
The annual layette shower was held with baby items and cash donations, which will be forwarded to Our Lady Women United by St. Elizabeth's representative Dolores Moseley. Several charitable donations were made, as well as purchases.

After the business meeting, Alecia Poetger, director of development at St. Elizabeth's, presented a program dealing with computer upgrading for the school. A question-and-answer session followed.

The quilt of the month was won by Florence Petras. The attendance prize was won by Helen Noeth. The pot of gold was won by Guleah Gauen. The Madonna was won by Sylvia Winfield.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Vickie Jacob, Cindy White, Joanna Bukovac and Joyce Miles.

The next regular meeting of the sodality will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in the school cafeteria.



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Today's Food

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Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Small amount of monosodium glutamate can enhance meat or vegetables, but does nothing for acidic or sweet foods. **INSIDE**

Heart-y Bites

Eating fish, including tuna, keeps people's best heart-health in mind. **INSIDE**

Blue Ribbon Cook

Eggplant finds winning new taste mate of chicken breast. **INSIDE**

New Product Test Run

Will coating rice cakes with chocolate make believers of those who prefer other fat-free 'crunchies'? *Suburban Journal* tasters cast their votes on the Quaker product. **INSIDE**

Micro Raves

Cherries cast cheerful glow over February in handy fudge or magic cobbler. **INSIDE**

Lively Taste

The search for Valentine's Day treats sparks creative use of flavors that are colorfully red-undant. Consider spaghetti or pizza sauce for Italian style, taco or picante sauce or salsa for Tex-Mex accents, add seasoning to tomato sauce for other favorite ethnic flavors. Canned cherries, roasted red bell pepper and pimento add flavor, too.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Itchy dry skin can be helped with a moisturizing sequence. Soak it in warm water 15 to 20 minutes; use a gentle cleanser, preferably one without fragrance or additives, and a moisturizer. Scrubbing with a washcloth or drying harshly does it no good.

Fresh Picks

The fresh produce section of a supermarket brightens the February table. Berries, blood oranges, red pears, cherries, red-skinned apples, grapefruit and grapes have traditional color for this month. Beets, red potatoes, red leaf lettuce, radishes, radicchio, red onion, red cabbage and tomatoes add color to salad fare.

Big Fat Tip

Little Valentine sweets need not be high-fat chocolates. Heart candies with sayings like 'Cutie' and 'U R Nice' contain no fat. Neither do lollipops, red licorice, jelly beans, hard mints, or red hot cinnamon, sour or gel candy. Wrapping bundles of these candies in pink plastic wrap and tying with a color-coordinated bow or head band gives immediate appeal. For a little boy, place a wrapped bundle in the bed of a small toy pickup or dump truck.

Future Shop

Women facing menopause may consider the success of Japanese women. With diets high in soy content, they have lower rates of breast cancer, uterine cancer, coronary heart disease and hip fractures. Interestingly, the Japanese have no word for 'hot flash.' Other plants with compounds that have estrogenic activity are oats, wheat, corn, apples, almonds, cashews and peanuts.

Source: *Veggie Life* magazine.



Filling and flirty, this dinner-for-two is easy to make on Valentine's Day. Start with Candlelight Chicken, Festive Herbed Rice, salad and crusty French bread. Add champagne, chardonnay or sparkling non-alcoholic juice. For dessert, serve almond-flavored coffee with Sweet Hearts.

Cupid Classics

By Jonice Denham
Staff writer

Even those who do not enlist in modern technology can appreciate advances in romantic potions, since ancient Romans shared hippopotamus smouts and hyena eyes for amorous eating.

Today red and white symbolize, respectively, the passion and purity of love, qualities that receive their due around Valentine's Day on Feb. 14.

Romantic rites were attached with the spring rites of the god, Pan, to this time of year before the Christian saint Valentine died on this date. The rest is history for flower growers, message deliverers and candy makers.

A dinner-for-two can be prepared easily, even when the holiday lands in midweek. These recipes are designed for a duet, but doubling most ingredients lets them accommodate a quartet.

Candlelight Chicken is adapted from the

Caribbean-style winner of the National Chicken Cooking Contest in 1995. The rub can be mixed and even put on the chicken the night before.

The rice can be cooked in advance — for the colorful side dish, which simply needs to be heated before serving.

Round out the meal with spinach salad and lots of crusty French bread. At dessert time, bring out the show-stopping heart-shaped brownies and top with cherry mixture and garnish.

For free recipes using cherries, send a postcard to: Cherry Marketing Institute, 2220 University Park Drive, Department N, Okemos, Mich. 48864.

For quick-to-fix recipes with rice, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: USA Rice Council, P.O. Box 740121, Department Q, Houston, Tex. 77274.

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Kids' Cuisine



LionHearty Sundae

LionHearty loves to serve sundaes to his mane Valentine friends. He starts with low-fat frozen yogurt, then offers a choice of fruits — like strawberries, raisins, banana, pineapple, peaches, blueberries and raspberries; frosted rice, doughnut-shaped oat or other granola, whole wheat cereals, plus a sprinkling of walnuts or almonds. For his friends with traditional tastes, he keeps handy other fat-free or low-fat toppings. With other friends in mind, he prefers gummy bears over gummin fruits. Of course, he finishes the sundae with a cherry on top.

Here LionHearty shares sundaes with Rosemary Bishop, director of St. John's Mercy Heart Center. He will shake paws, make surrises and have other heartwarming experiences with children ages 3 to 10 and their grandparents at the 10th annual Valentine's Day Party from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11 at the medical center. Reservations are required (822-PEDS).



Rick Graef Photo

Today's Food

Test Run



Testers crunched results of mixing chocolate and rice cakes in the same product by Quaker.

Chocolate rice cakes available

Some eaters feast on rice cakes and eagerly relish their multiple flavors, while others would rather eat cardbord.

Can a confirmed non-eater of rice cakes be lured into trying them if real food is in them are flavored with chocolate?

Occasionally, a few—definitely not all—*Suburban Journal* tasters could be swayed.

Quaker chocolate crunch rice cakes were passed around at the reporter's test panel of the test. "These are very good, nice and chocolately," he said. "We bought a three-pack the other day of chocolate, which I liked a bunch—and I'm lukewarm on rice cakes."

He later was surprised anyone would disagree with his assessment.

In spite of some responses, the rice cakes kept disappearing. Packed in two packages to keep them fresh and crunchy, the second one was opened quickly.

Each rice cake has no fat and about 50 calories. At \$1.99, Save a package of 14 rice cakes costs \$1.99.

Another tester was surprised at her own response.

"I had a little of the chocolate rice cake. I actually liked it. I didn't eat it, I was at a Kit Kat bar, but I liked the crunch and the lighter chocolate flavor," she said.

One taster was sold on the idea.

"Although I don't eat chocolate as much as I used to, I really enjoyed the sweet treat I had with the chocolate rice cakes."

Cupid

Continued from page 1C. Prize-winning recipes from the National Chicken Cooking Contest are available by sending a check or money order for \$2 to: Chicken Cookbook, Department NBC, Box 307, Coventry, Conn. 06238.

CANDLELIGHT CHICKEN

1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/4 tsp. ground cumin
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/8 tsp. oil
2 large boneless, skinless

Wise Ways

By CAROL SCHLITT

MSG perks up meat, plus vegetable flavor

Almost every cuisine relies on certain foods to add flavor and interest to bland dishes. For example, Italian cuisine uses lots of tomatoes. French food is famous for its sauces and Asian cooks depend on fish and seaweed stocks to increase overall flavor of foods.

It took many years to figure out why these foods were so effective at making food taste better.

In the early 1900s, glutamate was discovered as the flavor-enhancing secret. Glutamate, an amino acid, is found throughout the human body. It is naturally present in protein-rich foods like cheese, meat, fish and human milk.

When present in its "free" form, it is not bound together with other amino acids in protein—glutamate enhances the flavor of foods. Tomatoes, mushrooms and parmesan cheese are naturally rich in "free" glutamate, helping to explain why these foods long have been prized by cooks around the world.

MSG, or monosodium glutamate, is the sodium salt of glutamic acid and a form of glutamate. Sold as a fine white crystal substance, it resembles salt or sugar. It does not have a distinct taste of its own, but its addition to foods provides a flavoring func-

tion similar to the "free" glutamate.

MSG enhances many, but not all, flavors. It works well with meat, poultry, seafood and many vegetables. It also enhances the flavor of soup, stew, salad dressing and meat-based sauce and gravy. However, it does nothing for highly acidic foods and sweet foods, like cookies and pies.

Contrary to its name, MSG does not contain sodium.

It actually contains only one-third the amount of sodium as salt. More MSG does not add more flavor either.

The rule-of-thumb for adding MSG is one-half teaspoon per pound of meat or one-half teaspoon in four to six servings of vegetables.

Adding too much can decrease the food's palatability.

Many people have been concerned about the safety of MSG and contend that they are allergic to it.

While some people may be sensitive to taste-blind research studies have failed to show MSG causes any severe adverse reactions.

MSG, or monosodium glutamate, is the sodium salt of glutamic acid and a form of glutamate. Sold as a fine white crystal substance, it resembles salt or sugar. It does not have a distinct taste of its own, but its addition to foods provides a flavoring func-

tion that uses MSG and no salt. Bottled fat-free ranch dressings typically contain at least 400 milligrams sodium per 1/4 cup of dressing, serving. This recipe has only 60 milligrams per serving, yet boasts full-bodied flavor.

Certified family and consumer scientist Carol Schlitt is nutrition and extension education with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service at the Edwardsville Extension Center.

FAT-FREE RANCH DRESSING

1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup nonfat yogurt
1 clove garlic, minced
1 green onion, minced
1 tsp. chives, minced
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. monosodium glutamate
2 tsp. grated parmesan cheese

In medium bowl, whisk together buttermilk, nonfat yogurt, garlic, onion, chives, pepper, lemon juice, MSG and parmesan cheese. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Makes 1 cup; 20 calories, no fat and 60 mg sodium per 2-tablespoon serving.

Micro Raves

By JUDY EDDY

Paint February red with bowls of cherries

If winter seems dull and dreary, add a quick touch of color. That's what cherries provide February's finest days.

From fudge to cobbler, bringing the cherry red color of cherries to the table is as quick as using a microwave oven. In addition to a touch of color, their fresh, slightly tart taste brightens flavor of the main event at meals, as well as its finale and sides shows.

While plentiful fresh cherries come to local markets in summer, canned and frozen cherries always are available.

Sweetened cherry pie filling can make a delicious topping for pound cake or ice cream. Pour the canned pie filling into a microwave-safe bowl.

Microwave on medium (50 percent) power 1 1/2 to 2 minutes until warm and bubbly. If desired, add 1/2 cup of whipped cream. Spoon generous servings over pound cake and top with a scoop of ice cream for an elegant, quick des-

sert. Home economist Judy Eddy specializes in microwave cooking.

Chill until set.

CHOCOLATE-COVERED CHERRY FUDGE

1 pkg. (12 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup milk chocolate chips
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
1/2 tsp. almond flavoring
1/2 cup red maraschino cherries, drained well, chopped
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

In microwave-safe bowl, preferably with a handle, microwave semisweet and milk chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk on high power 1 1/2 to 2 minutes until chips are softened. Stir until smooth.

Mix in cherries, almond flavoring and nuts. Pour mixture into but-

tered 8-inch square pan.

Chill until set.

MAGIC CHERRY COBBLER

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup oil
1/4 tsp. almond extract
1 can (16 oz.) tart cherries, drained, juice reserved

Using electric mixer, cream margarine and 1/2 cup sugar. Add flour, baking powder, salt, milk and almond extract. Pour into 8-inch round microwave-safe baking dish.

Spoon cherries on top of batter. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup sugar.

Microwave on medium-low (40 percent) power 7 minutes, then on high power 6 minutes.

Pour mixture into but-

tered 8-inch square pan.

Chill until set.

FESTIVE HERBED RICE

2 tsp. oil
1 small red bell pepper, chopped
1/2 cup chopped green onion
1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
2 tsp. mustard seeds, if desired

constantly, about 1 minute. Spoon sauce over chicken. Garnish with cilantro and pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes 2 servings.

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Cook bell pepper, stirring occasionally, 2 to 4 minutes until tender-crisp.

Add onion, pine nuts, garlic, mustard seeds, oregano, thyme, salt and pepper. Cook and stir 2 to 3 minutes until fragrant.

Stir in rice until well blended and thoroughly heated.

Note: Toast pine nuts by spreading them on ungreased baking sheet.

Heart-y Bites

By BECKY BLAIR

Tuna salad recipe part of memories

Tuna has an unearned reputation of being a food for people on a diet.

True, fish is a low-fat protein source and people are encouraged to eat it regularly for better heart health. Still, tuna never has been a favorite of mine.

Until now. My Colorado vacation taught me a new rule. Try it again.

Lauren's tuna salad was so delicious I asked for seconds. Whether it was a change in my taste buds, the crisp air in the gorgeous scenery or her secret ingredient—shredded carrot—remains a question, but it was a winning combination.

Registered dietitian Becky Blair is a member of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter.

'SECRET' TUNA SALAD

1 can (6 oz.) water-packed tuna, drained, flaked
1 cup shredded carrot
2 tbsp. sweet pickle relish
3 tbsp. reduced-calorie, mayonnaise-type salad dressing
1 tsp. onion powder
1 to 2 tbsp. chopped celery

Combine tuna, carrot, pickle relish, salad dressing, onion powder and celery. Mix well. Cover. Refrigerate.

Yields three (1/4-cup) servings; 184 calories, 12 g protein, 8 g fat, 15 g carbohydrate and 28 mg cholesterol each.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Eggplant, chicken go Oriental to win

Marilyn Reed, Belleville, Ill., is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Eggplant and Chicken Oriental. She wins a prize of round-trip certificates at the Pasta House Co.

Once the few ingredients are ready, cooking this dish takes only minutes. Chopping goes quickly while unpeeled eggplant is cut in large chunks and the onion, garlic, chili and chicken can be sliced on a board.

Those who usually do not eat eggplant may try the recipe with one eggplant instead of two. It's first time to see how delicious Chinese in flavor the dish is. Do not overcook the eggplant for best consistency.

Recipes in the Orange and Lemon Recipe Contest will be accepted through Feb. 29 for consideration as winner each of the four Wednesdays in March.

Send one recipe per household to: Orange and Lemon Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the *Journal* you receive. Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions, including any variations that make this dish special.

If there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry. Along with taste and originality, it will be among criteria used for selecting winners. Originality will be considered, although the recipe

is in cookbooks.

In wok or heavy skillet, heat oil. Cook eggplant and garlic 3 to 4 minutes. Add onion and chili. Cook 1 minute longer. Remove from pan.

In same pan, cook chicken 2 minutes or until done. Return eggplant mixture to pan.

Mix together soy sauce, water, tomato paste, cornstarch and liquid sweetener or brown sugar to taste.

Cut eggplant vertically in half. Sprinkle with salt. Let sit, covered, 30 minutes. Cut in 1-inch cubes.

In wok or heavy skillet, heat oil. Cook eggplant and garlic 3 to 4 minutes. Add onion and chili. Cook 1 minute longer. Remove from pan.

Mix together soy sauce, water, tomato paste, cornstarch and liquid sweetener. Pour over ingredients in pan. Stir until sauce thickens.

Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 20 to 25 minutes. Do not overbake. Let cool in pan 1 hour.

Using 4-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut two hearts from brownie; or make 4-inch heart shape out of brownie and cut with sharp knife to shape.

Place brownies on individual serving plates. Mix almond extract well.

Bake in preheated 350° oven, stirring occasionally, 5 to 7 minutes, until brown.

SWEET HEARTS

1 pkg. (10 1/4 oz.) fudge brownie mix (size made for 8-inch square pan)

1 egg

1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling

1/2 tsp. almond extract

Whipped cream or whipped topping and fresh mint sprigs, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 8-inch square bak-

Today's Food

Fire up a great bowl o' red for quick change of heart

Invigorate appetites in a hurry and start a stampede to the table with appetizing bowls of chicken sizzling with Wild West flavor. Savory and spicy with south-of-the-border accents, they are sure-fire crowd pleasers that are ready to be devoured pronto.

Worthy of the hardest chukker, these main dishes cook in about 30 minutes. Slant spices by varying the heat of picante sauce for the desired zest. If in doubt about those wranglers coming to the table, season them lightly and pass extra sauce for wilder wilder wildness.

Team either dish with a favorite bread and salad to complete a super supper.

To enter an original recipe prepared with at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Pace Picante Sauce in the Pick Up the Pace Recipe Contest, send for contest rules plus a copy of 1995 winners by sending name and address to: Rules, Pace Picante Sauce Recipe Contest, 60 East Chestnut, No. 402, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

CHICK 'N' BEAN CHILI PRONTO

1 tbsp. oil
1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut in cubes
3/4 cup picante sauce
1 tbsp. chili powder
1 can (14 1/2 oz.) whole peeled tomatoes, cut up
1 can (about 15 oz.) kidney beans, drained
1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
1/2 cup sour cream, chopped fresh cilantro and chopped avocado for garnish

In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat oil. Cook chicken stirring often, until browned. Pour off any fat.

Add picante sauce, chili powder, tomatoes, beans and corn. Heat to boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook, covered, 15 minutes.

Garnish with sour cream, cilantro and avocado. Serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.

PANHANDLE PEPPERONI CHICKEN

1 tbsp. olive or vegetable oil
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 lb.)
1 cup picante sauce
1 tsp. Italian seasoning, crushed
1 medium green bell pepper, cut in 1 inch pieces (about 1 cup)
1/3 cup sliced pepperoni
Shredded mozzarella cheese for garnish
4 cups hot cooked rice

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook chicken 10 minutes, until browned. Set aside. Chicken. Pour off fat.

Add picante sauce, Italian seasoning, green pepper and pepperoni. Heat to boil.

Return chicken to pan. Over low heat, cook, covered, 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink.

Garnish with cheese. Serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.



When you burn with desire for a great bowl of chili, don't be coy. Look to Chick 'n' Bean Chili Pronto.

Recipe

RODEO FAJITA SALAD

2 whole chicken breasts, halved, skinned, boned
1/2 lb. beef sirloin, thinly sliced

1/4 cup lime juice
3 tbsp. oil
1 pkg. chili seasoning mix
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
2 tbsp. honey
1/2 cup garlic, minced
1/2 cup torn lettuce or other salad greens
1 small red onion, halved, if desired

1 red bell pepper, cut in julienne slices
1 green bell pepper, cut in julienne slices
1 cup pickled mini corn
1 cup croutons
1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese, if desired

A day before serving, place chicken and sirloin in separate food bags. Combine lime juice, oil and 3 tablespoons chili seasoning in small bowl. Stir to blend well.

Pour half the juice mixture over chicken and remaining half over beef. Seal bags. Refrigerate

overnight.

In microwave-safe bowl, stir remaining chili seasoning, olive oil, vinegar, honey and garlic until well blended. Heat until warm throughout. Stir well. Refrigerate, covered, overnight.

Drain and discard marinade from chicken and

beef. Broil chicken 5 to 7 minutes per side until juices are clear. Broil sirloin about 7 minutes per side until done as desired. Slice both in thin strips.

In large salad bowl, arrange lettuce, onion, red and green pepper, corn cobs, croutons and cheese. Top with chicken and beef.

Recipe

CHICKEN RICE DIVAN

1 can (10 1/2 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1 can (10 1/2 oz.) reduced-sodium chicken

broth
1 cup milk
3/4 cup uncooked rice
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup original wheat germ
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen broccoli spears, thawed, drained
2 chicken breasts, split, boned, skinned

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
Preheat oven to 350°. Combine soup, broth, milk, rice, water and 1/4 cup wheat germ in 11-by-7-inch glass baking dish. Mix well. Makes 4 servings.

Microwave directions: In

11-by-7-inch microwave-safe dish, combine soup, broth, 1/4 cup milk, rice, water and 1/4 cup wheat germ. Mix well. Cover with plastic wrap, venting edge. Microwave on high power 20 to 25 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes.

Top with broccoli and chicken. Sprinkle with com-

bined 1/4 cup wheat germ and parmesan cheese. Microwave, covered, on high power 8 to 9 minutes until juices run clear when chicken is pierced with fork. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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By Mark Lymboropoulos
Even a little exercise helps. Federal health authorities and fitness experts used to recommend that we do two or three times a week. Now they've discovered that over 30 minutes of moderate activity each day will help keep us healthy.

What kind of exercise? One study at the University of Colorado had women exercise for 40 minutes four times a week. One group ran, one did step-aerobics, one did racquetball. All had similar heart rates, but some of the runners had to quit because of injury.

Joggers often use cassette players while they run. Now one company has added a built-in pedometer, distance marker, calorie counter and an LCD screen indicating distance and calorie burned.

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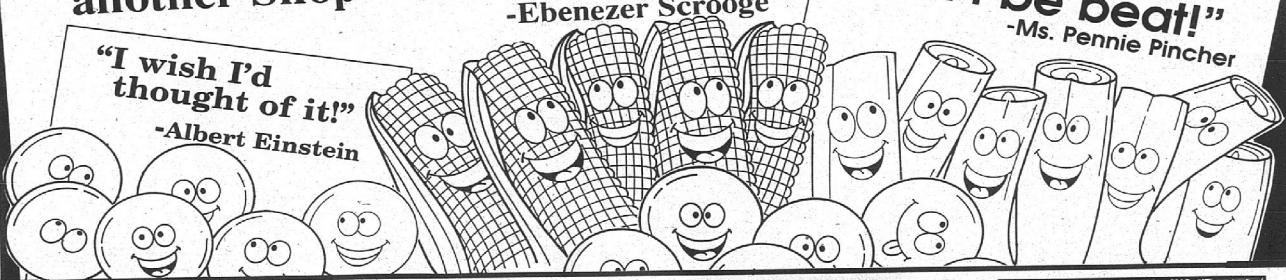
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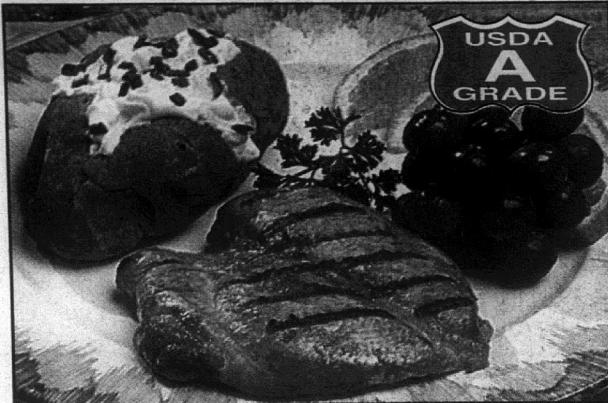
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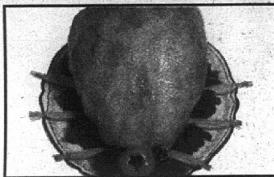
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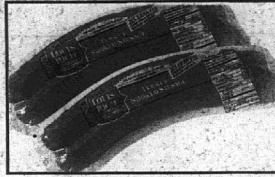
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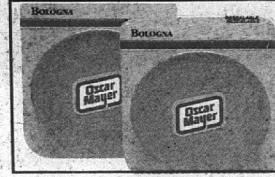
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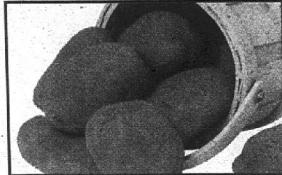
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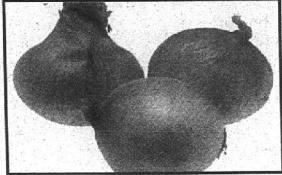
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Community calendar

Our event calendar also includes other community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and descriptive information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newsroom at 876-2000.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St., in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Dectors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 7000 Fairview, 19th Street. Al-Anon, 7:15 p.m. Gateway Foundation, 600 W. Lincoln Ave., Caseyville. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing, 10th and Franklin Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

Collinsville Area Recreation District will conduct the Boot and Slipper Square Dance Club will sponsor square dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lanham, 2200 Vandalia St., Collinsville. The cost is \$2.50 per person. For more information, call 344-4635 or 344-4183, or contact CARD at 346-7529.

Divorced and Separated Group, 7-8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 656-9268.

Parents Anonymous Group, meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Landolt, 462-2714.

Stress Management Class, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mental Health Services, 100 Granite Industrial Drive, Granite City. For people who want to know what causes stress, how it affects their lives, and what they can do about it. For more information call 877-4420. Fees are

based on a sliding income scale.

Madison Community Action Group, meets at 7 p.m. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Edwardsville Kennel Club, 7:30 p.m., Hayes Mallory Crane Community Building, 216 Crane St., Edwardsville, open to public.

Madison County Genealogical Society, 7 p.m. at Immanuel United Church, 800 N. Main, Edwardsville.

Navy Mothers Club of America meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 100th Infantry, Mothers, fathers, daughters, wives, sisters of former and present Navy, Marines, Coast Guard or Sea Bees are encouraged to join. For further information call 931-2292 or 876-2290.

Chouteau Township Senior Citizens, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Park Acres Seniors of Madison meet from 10 a.m. to noon at 100 Hill St. (rear), Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 1, 6:45 p.m. at Edwardsville Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. For information, 777-6331 or 877-2784.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, 463-2429.

Overeaters Anonymous, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., 2116 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 396-9409.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., First Christian Church, 2416 N. 99th St., Caseyville. For information, call 434-6321 or 738-7621.

Granite City Community Band rehearsal, 7:30 to 9 p.m., St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0443.

Friday, Feb. 9

Granite Chapter 650 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.

Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 will sponsor a dessert sale from 5 to 8 p.m. at the

Aerie fish fry, 2558 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Proceeds go to the Diabetes Fund. Christopher will furnish music for dancing and entertainment at 7 p.m.

Southern Illinois Divorced and Separated Catholics, 7:30 p.m. at Boniface School, 128 N. Buchanan, Edwardsville.

Downtown Neighborhood Restoration Society, Granite City, 878-7715, 8 p.m.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Friday Afternoon Pinochle Club, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

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the banquet. Contact Joanna Spencer for more information.

Quincy City Youth Fellowship, 2nd Floor, Cimarron, 7 p.m., 931-3480 or 877-4848.

Valentine's Dance, sponsored by the Parents of the Youth Group of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison, will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Engelbert Hall, 10th and Washington in Madison. Music will be provided by disc jockey Maria Michael. Price is \$7.50 per person, which includes beer, soda, set-ups and snacks.

Door prizes will be given away. For more information call 931-2292 or 876-2290.

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Job's Daughters Bethel #43 meets at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard.

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Pre-college science program a success

Junior high school students are poised to learn about the world and what directions their lives will take, and educators have a great opportunity at that age to assist and guide these young minds.

Ron Banks, assistant to the dean of the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville School of Engineering, said he believes exposing junior high students to the sciences is essential to getting them in considering a career.

Banks is pursuing that goal with minority students through his Midwest Engineering and Science Association (MESA) Pre-College Program that he initiated last year at SIUE. Banks received the MESA grant to develop the program in the fall, involving more than 30 junior high students from the East St. Louis School District to participate.

The students attended the Saturday morning programs throughout the fall term, with SIUE science facilities at their disposal.

Banks is gearing up for the second phase during this current semester with junior high students from the Alton school district. "We transport the students to the SIUE main campus," Banks said, "and we spend the Saturday doing hands-on scientific activities."

MESA was funded for the current academic year with a \$25,000 grant through the Higher Education Cooperation Act. Banks said guiding junior high students in science studies can also ready them for an engineering career. "We're trying to show these students that they can prepare for an engineering in specific disciplines in junior and senior high school," he said.

"I hope to continue MESA, because I feel we can continue to make a difference," Banks said.

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from the Word and prayer for your needs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Full Gospel Fellowship Hall, 2301 Orville, Granite City. A nursery will be provided. If a ride is needed, call 451-4020 or 1 (314) 869-1885. The Circle of Hope, a 12-step

healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. at the King's House on North 66th Street. For more information, call 294-0291. Granite City Kiwanis meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous, Path

to Recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 399-9409.

School of Metaphysics, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., 9459 Rosian Place, St. Louis, 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melanie McManus at 429-0076.

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Alton Mayor Bob Towe attended the meeting and said afterward he would have to consult with the City Council about picking up train costs.

However, Towe said, he would like to explore the possibility of the city getting some offsetting revenues from the Amtrak station.

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